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TRANSFORMERS: THE WAR WITHIN

Cybertron, long before the Transformers came to Earth... civil war rages across the planet, the inhabitants divided into Autobots and Decepticons. But behind Megatron's overt show of force is a long-term strategy to turn the planet into a star-going Warworld. When Autobot leader Sentinel Prime is killed, the Matrix – the sacred lifeblood of the Transformers – is passed to Optimus Prime, who is subsequently lured into subterranean Cybertron. There, Megatron and Prime battle, and the Matrix casing is cracked, granting both an illuminating glimpse of the future. Determined now that the Decepticons must be stopped, at all costs, Prime vows to kill Megatron. Starscream, having assumed command of the Decepticons, activates a Mechaforming Substructure under the surface of Cybertron, which proceeds to devastate Iacon. Prime defeats Megatron, but leaves him alive, reigning in the beast within. He vows to fight on, to regroup under Iacon.

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BEFORE:

MEGATRON--



CYBERTRON:

POLAR STATE:
KAON.

--WE'RE
NOT FINISHED,
YOU AND I!

WHAT?
PRIME!

NO!

YOU MANIAC!
THE *SPACE BRIDGE*
IS ONLY CONFIGURED
FOR *ONE*! DO YOU KNOW
WHAT YOU'VE
DONE?

I KNOW.

N-UHH!

SHHRAK-AA-BOOOOW!

AFTER:

PSYCH

PSYCH

PSYCH

CHOOM



CYBERTRON.
WELL...



...IT'S BEEN
A LONG TIME!

"WHAT'S IT
ALL ABOUT, EH?"

THEN:

MOON ALPHA,
SPACEPORT:

I MEAN, WHERE'S THIS
GLORIOUS UNIVERSAL
DESTINY AND BIRTHRIGHT
THE *HIGH COUNCIL* USED
TO HARP ON ABOUT?

WE WON'T
FIND IT *HERE*,
THAT'S FOR
SURE.

KUP--

THING IS,
IT'S BEEN *DRUMMED*
INTO US--WE'RE SOMETHING
SPECIAL, PART OF SOME
GRAND *COSMIC* SCHEME--
AND YET HERE WE ARE...

...STILL *STUCK*
ON CYBERTRON, ENDLESSLY
TEARING EACH OTHER APART
OVER WHO OWNS *WHAT*, WHO
CALLS THE SHOTS *WHERE*.

HOW *INSIGNIFICANT*
AND *TRIVIAL* THIS MUST
ALL SEEM, SET AGAINST THE
VASTNESS OF OUTER SPACE,
FROM *THAT* PERSPECTIVE,
AS A RACE...

...WE'RE
STANDING
STILL.



KUP--

I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN'T GET FROM HERE TO THERE, A FEW *LIGHT YEARS* THIS WAY OR THAT WAY... BUT WE STILL HAVEN'T REALLY BEEN *OUT THERE*!



KUP--

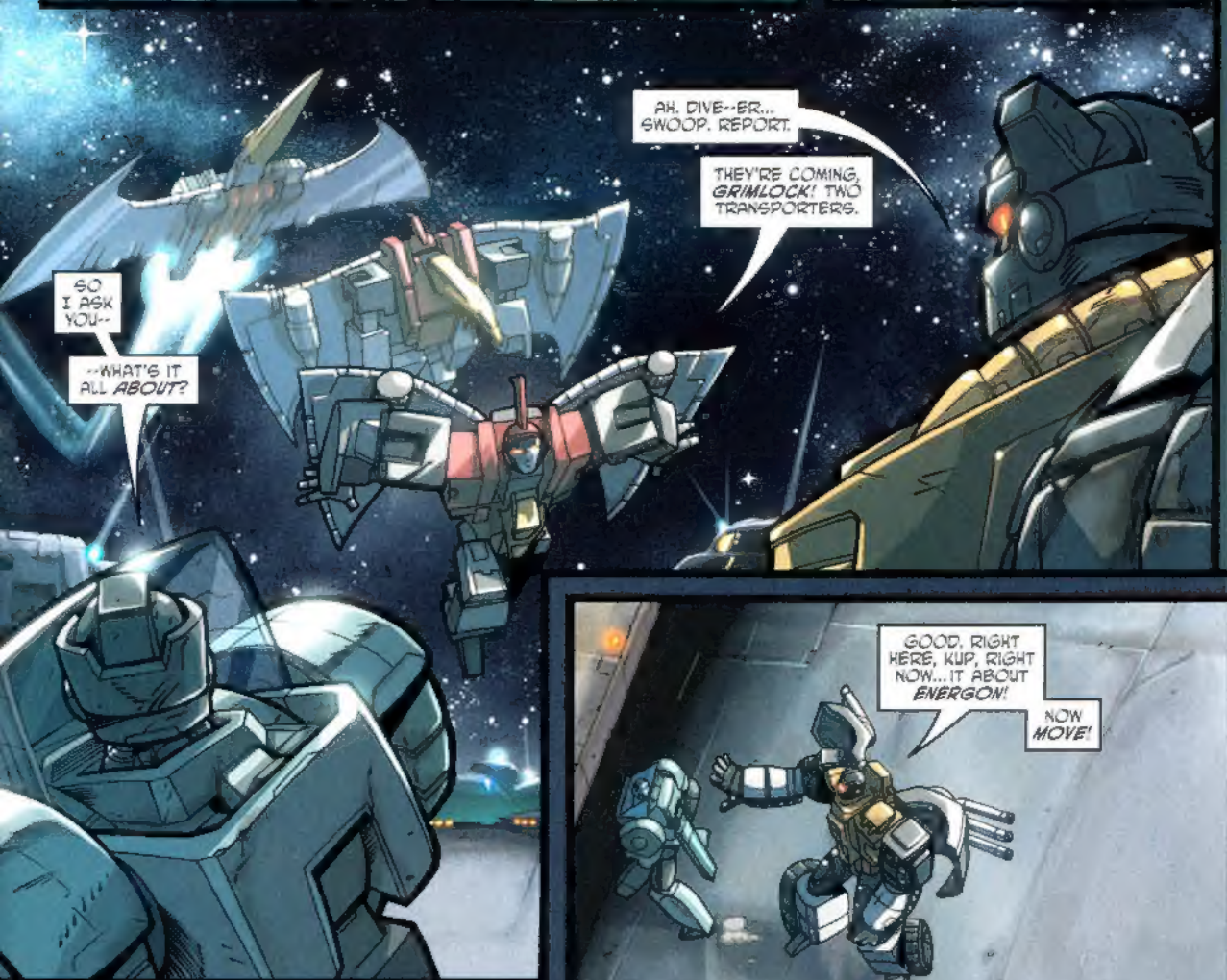
MEGATRON UNDERSTOOD. HENCE THE SPACE BRIDGE PROGRAM. HE'D BEEN, *SEEN* AND...

WELL, WE KNOW HOW *THAT* TURNED OUT.



...ABOUT WHAT'S TO *COME*!

IF ONLY WE COULD REMEMBER WHAT CAME BEFORE. IT MIGHT GIVE US SOME CLUE...



AH, DIVE--ER... SWOOP. REPORT.

THEY'RE COMING, *GRIMLOCK*! TWO TRANSPORTERS.

SO I ASK YOU--

--WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?



GOOD. RIGHT HERE, KUP. RIGHT NOW... IT ABOUT *ENERGON*!

NOW *MOVE*!

CYBERTRON: FORMER
HUB CAPITAL, IACON.

VIRTUE'S FORUM:



AUTOBASE:
COMMAND/TACTICAL.

WE'VE GOT
A PROBLEM

TELL
ME SOMETHING
I DON'T KNOW

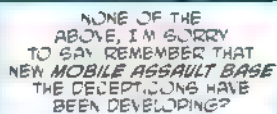
THERE'S
ULTRACON ACTIVITY
IN THE DISPUTED
TAGAN HEIGHTS.

PREDACON
SKIRMISHES ON
URAYA'S BORDERS.

AND A
LARGE DECEPTICON
FORCE MASSING ON
THE KALIS FRONT

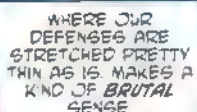
WHICH
PARTICULAR
PROBLEM.

... DID
YOU HAVE
A MIND?



NONE OF THE ABOVE, I'M SORRY TO SAY REMEMBER THAT NEW **MOBILE ASSAULT BASE** THE DECEPTICONS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING?

WELL, INTEL HAS IT **FULLY OPERATIONAL** WITHIN THE NEXT SUB-CYCLE AND AIMED SQUARELY AT OUR EASTERN PERIMETER

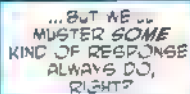


WHERE OUR DEFENSES ARE STRETCHED PRETTY THIN AS IS. MAKES A KIND OF **BRUTAL SENSE**



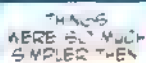
JAZZ--CAN WE SPARE THE NUMBERS?

ER, NO..



...BUT WE ... MUSTER **SOME** KIND OF RESPONSE ALWAYS DO, RIGHT?

HEH REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE ALL ONE BIG **HAPPY FAMILY**? NO **WRECKERS**, NO **L-S-C**, JUST PLAIN OLD **AUTOBOTS**.



THINGS WERE SO MUCH **SIMPLER** THEN

YEAH **SIMPLER** THESE DAYS.

100 MEMORANDUM

"...IT'S HARD TO
KNOW WHO THE
ENEMY REALLY IS"

ORBITAL TORUS
STATE: KALIS

AGENTS OF
VENGEANCE DARK
SCIENCES HAVE
SUMMONED YOU

AND NOW
WE COMMAND
YOU

SEEK OUT
OUR FORESWORN
ENEMIES

AND IN
THE NAME OF
THE CHAOS
TRINITY

BRING DOWN
FIRE AND FURY ON
THE M - JUBE

BRAVO!
BRAVO!

DRAMATIC
BEYOND
WORDS..

...BUT
ALL SHOW
AND NO REAL
SUBSTANCE

OH
WELL
THEN

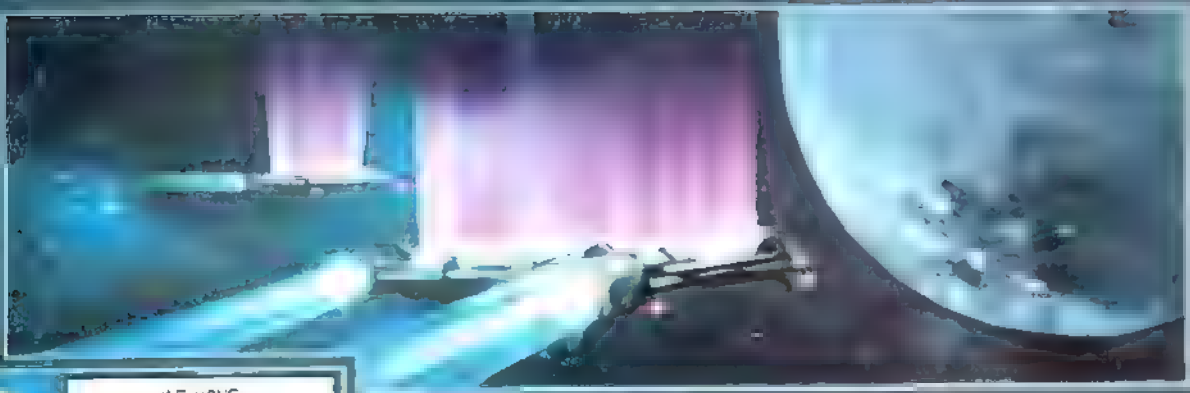
--THIS
REALLY WON'T
HURT!

YOU SKIRT
ON THE EDGES
OF UNDERSTANDING,
DABBING IN THE
SHALLOWS OF
CHAOTIC OCEANS.

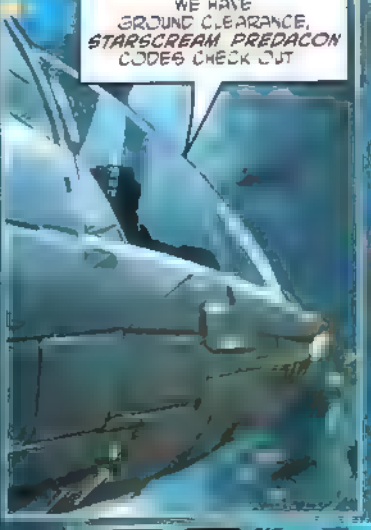
I OFFER
FORBIDDEN FRUIT,
TIMELOST SECRETS,
POWER...

BEYOND
MEASURE!





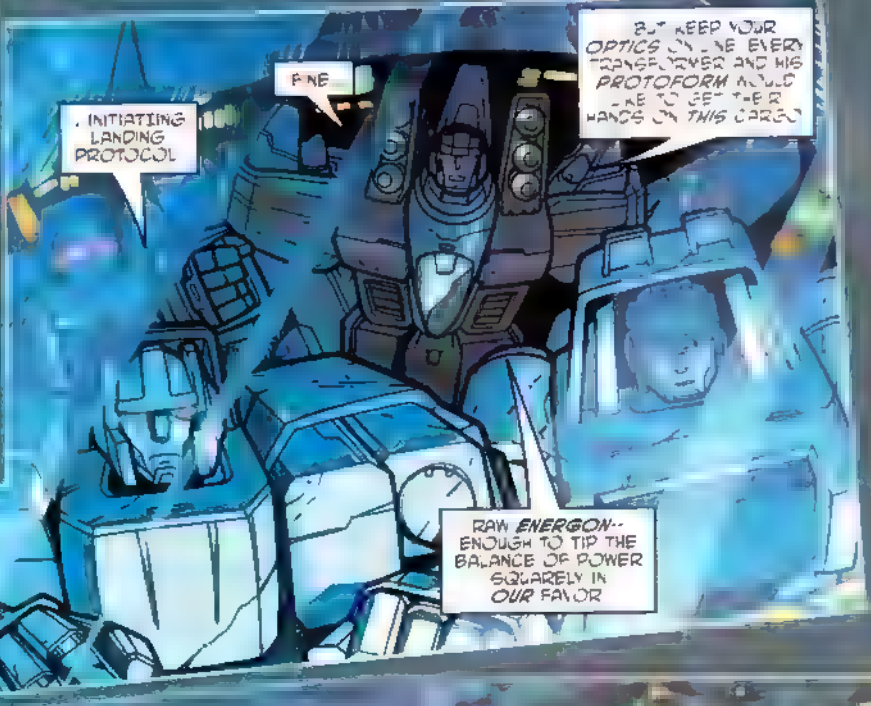
WE HAVE
GROUND CLEARANCE,
STARSCREAM. PREDACON
CODES CHECK OUT



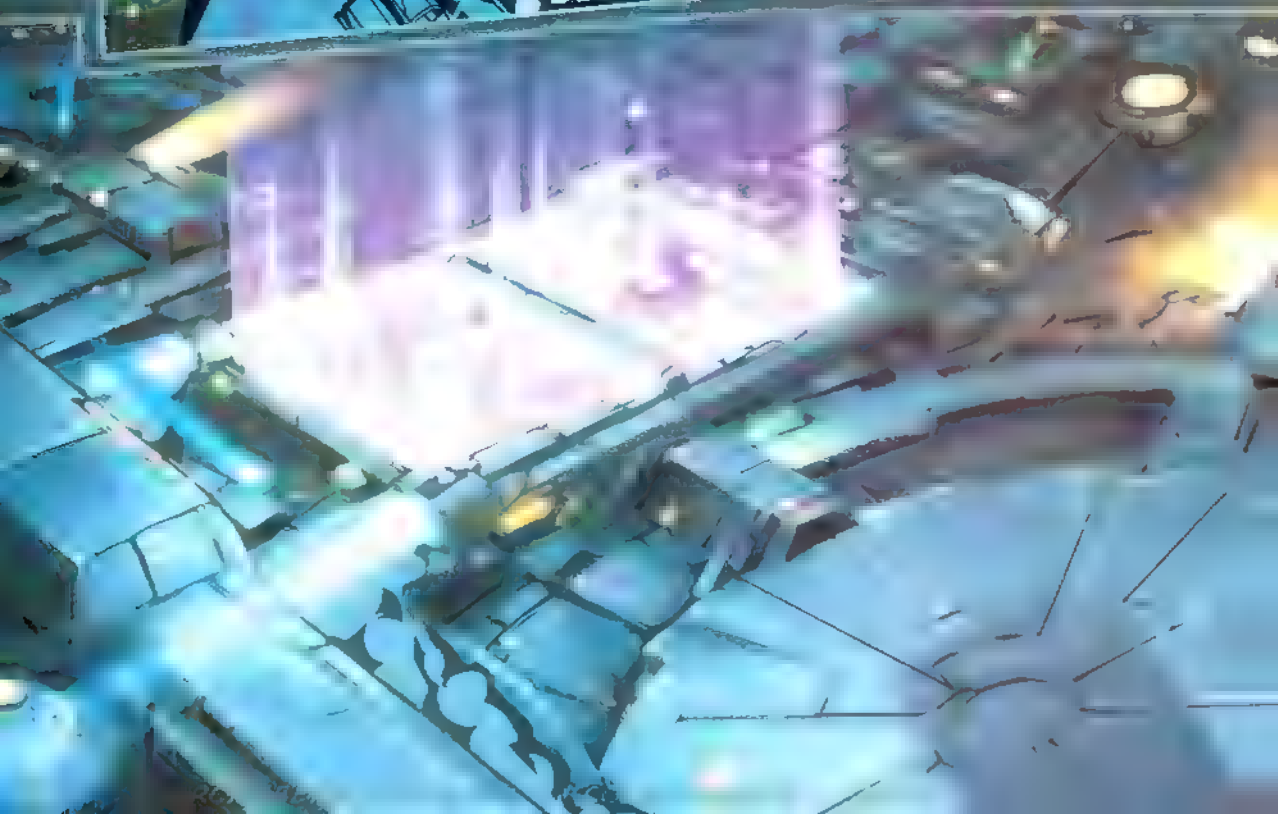
INITIATING
LANDING
PROTOCOL

FINE

BUT KEEP YOUR
OPTICS ON ME EVERY
TRANSFORMER AND HIS
PROTOFORM MUST
BE TO GET THE
HANDS ON THIS CASE



RAW ENERGEN--
ENOUGH TO TIP THE
BALANCE OF POWER
SQUARELY IN
OUR FAVOR



I DON'T GO
TO ALL THE TROUBLE
OF STEALING - FOR THE
PRECADONER CAUSE

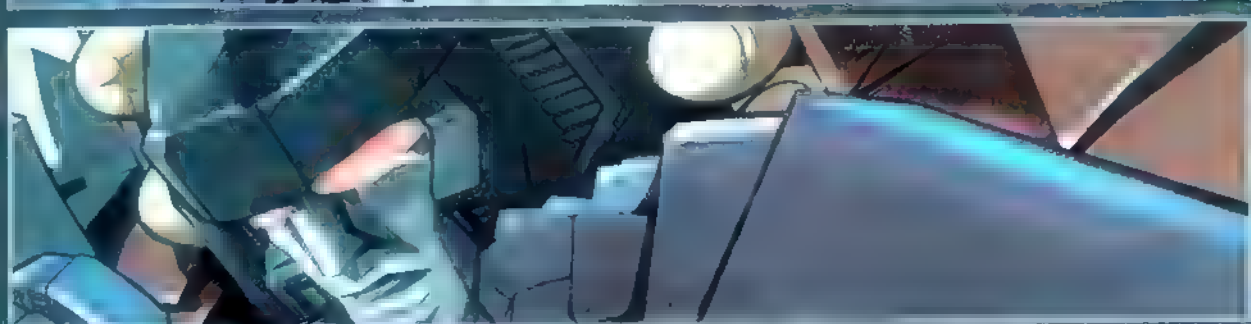
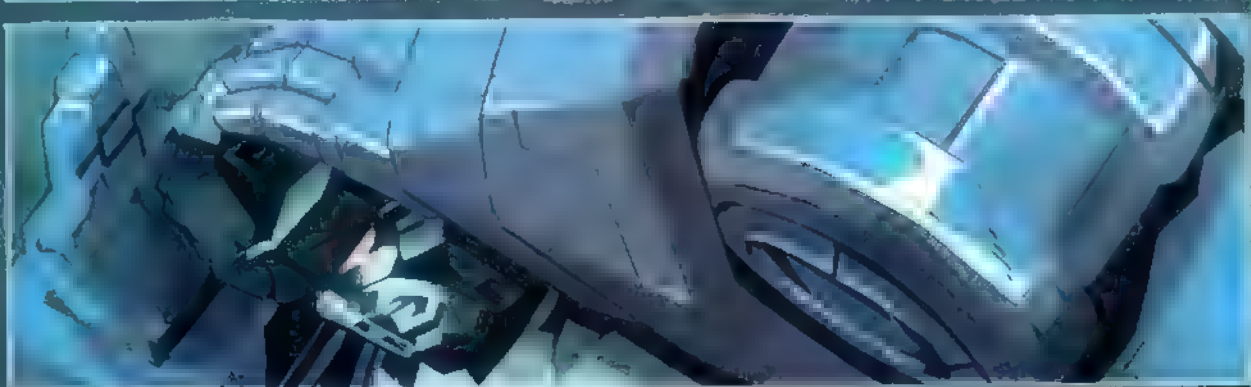
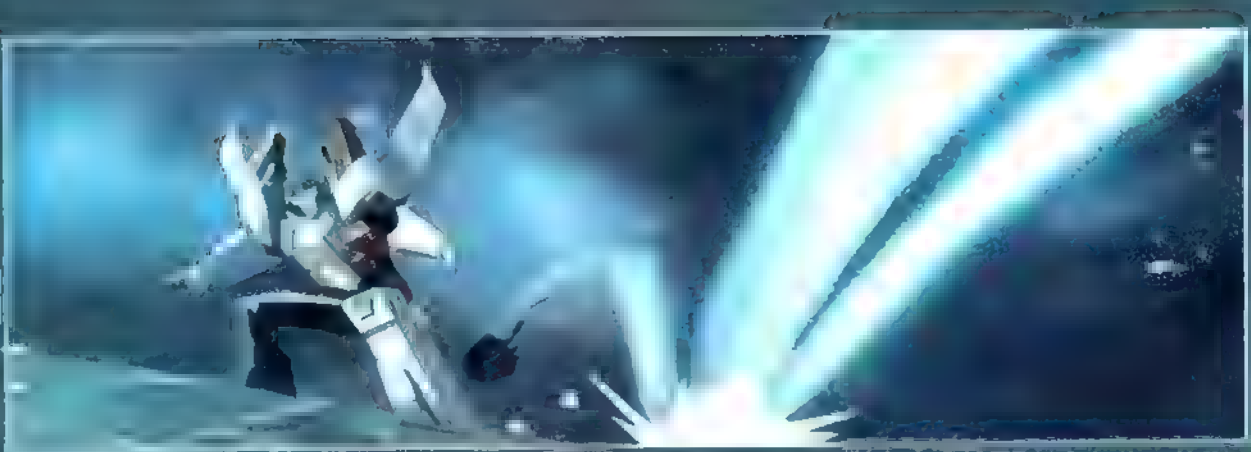
JUST TO
HAVE ONE OF THE
OTHER PLAYERS
READ THE BENEFIT'

WHERE
IS EVERYONE?
STORMBRINGER?
PULSE? HARDCASE?

IF THEY'RE
ON SYSTEM
HATSU, I...

HEY

"INCOMING!"






OH YES

LIGHTNING-
STRIKE-
COALITION--

--KICK
SOME PRED
BUTT!



SIGNAL
TRANSPORTER TWO
I WANT EVERYONE OUT
HERE, ARMED AND FIGHTING.
THERE'S ONLY SIX
OF THEM.

YEAH



"...BUT SIX OF
THE WORST!"

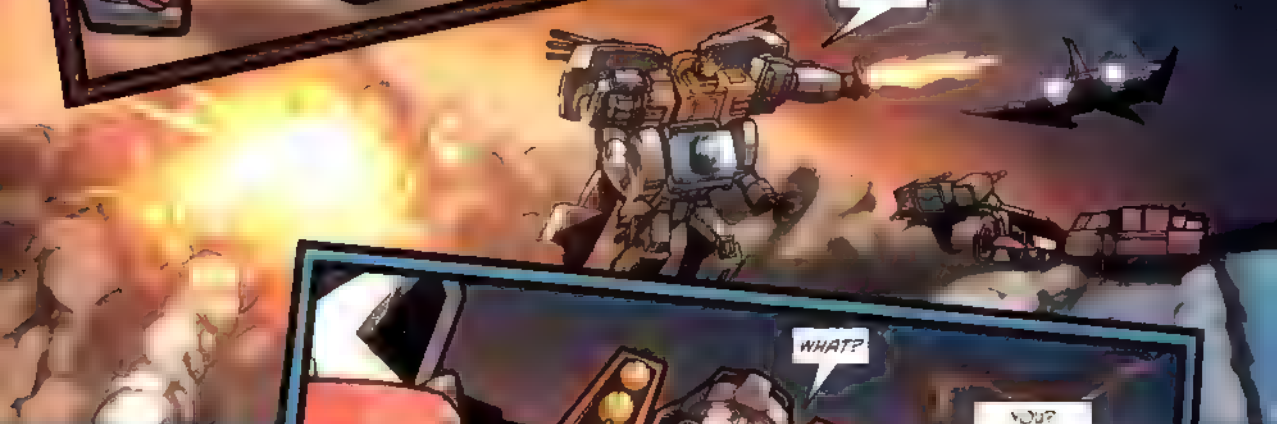
BETTER
BELIEVE
IT!

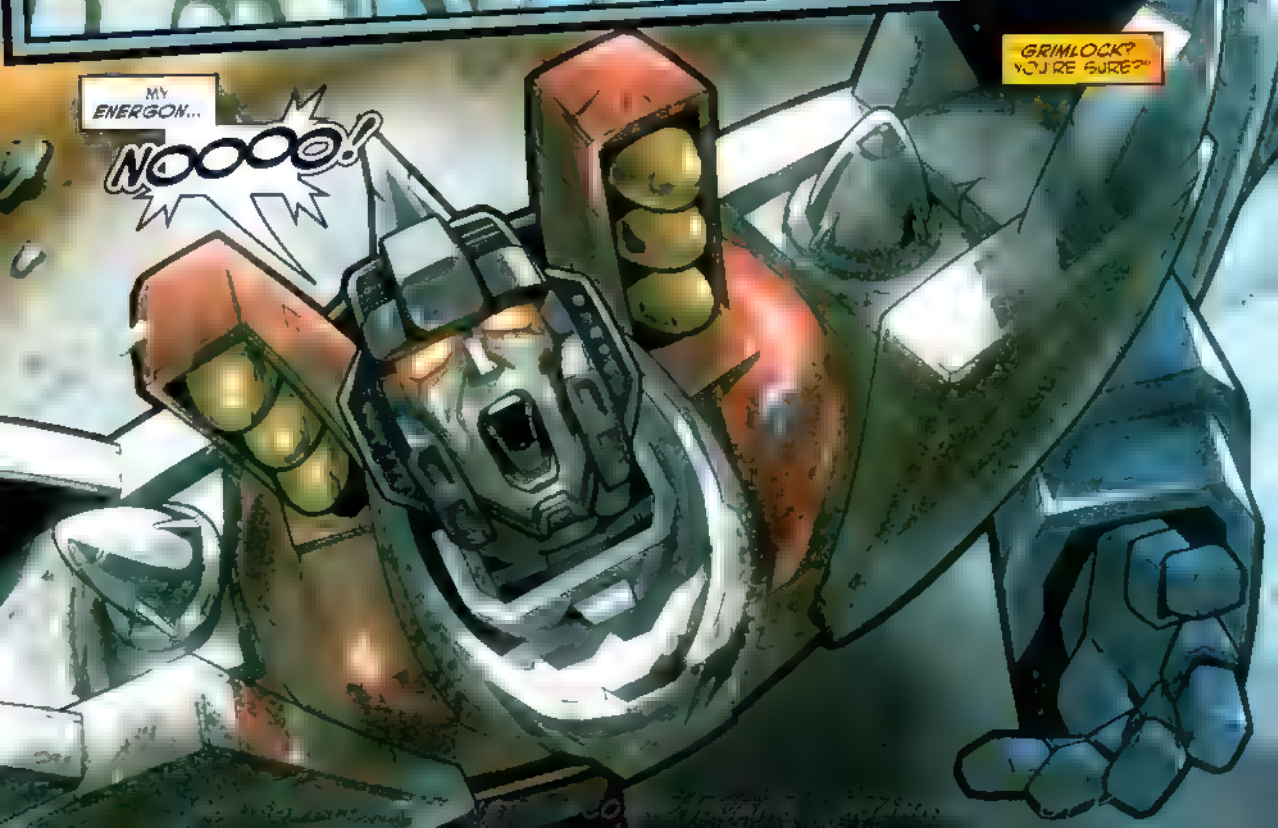
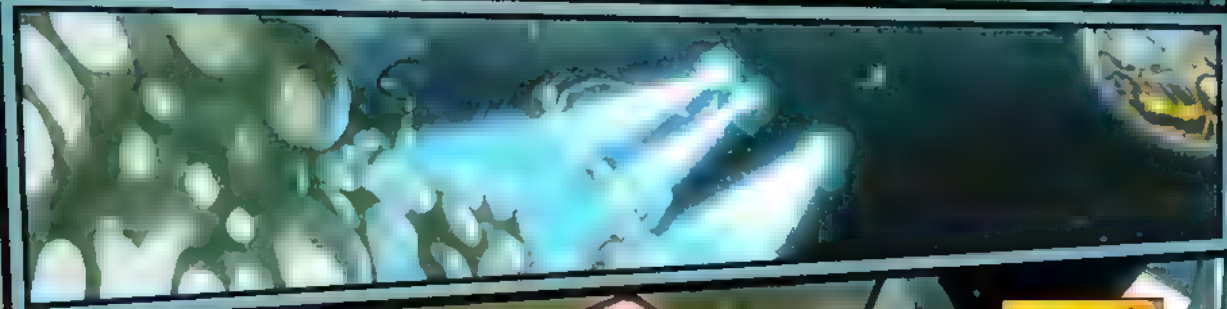
ENJOY
THE MOMENT,
GRIMLOCK

-YOU HAVE
SO VERY FEW
LEFT NOW!



--FALL
BACK!





MY
ENERGON...

NOOOO!

GRIMLOCK?
YOU'RE SURE?



I AM
SURE HE IS
THE FIRST

CYBERTRON, WITHIN

WON'T BE EASY
HE'S WELL PROTECTED THE
LIGHTNING STRIKE LOCATION
IS A JAW INTO ITSELF SMALL
SCALE BUT AUDACIOUS



THEY'VE GAINED
A LOT OF GROUND AND
POWER IN THE LAST FEW
MEGA CYCLES THEY'RE
A VERY TIGHT JNT



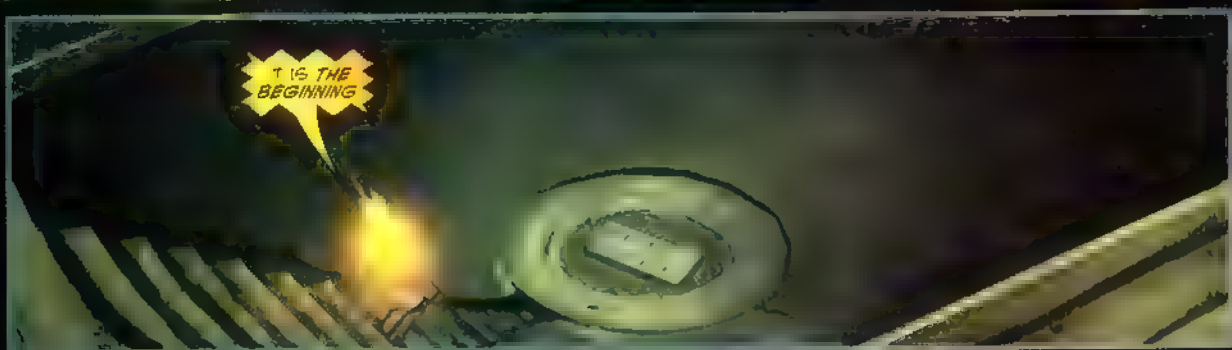
I AM SURE,
BLUDGEON



YOU WILL
FIND A WAY
IN



AND
IS THE
PLACED



IT IS THE
BEGINNING



AND
THE END

TO BE CONTINUED

FROM THE DESK OF... DON FIGUEROA

Okay, it's that time of the year again, convention season! And this year I'm stoked. "The War Within" is all done and I will get to finally talk to my fellow Transfans about it in person. I want to know what you guys liked and disliked about the series.

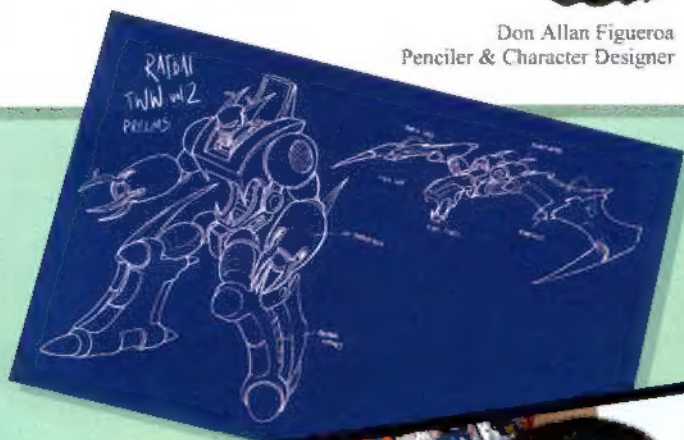
Since the series started, I've gotten tons of emails asking if there will be toys based on the 'new/retro' look. Personally, I'd love to see these on toy shelves, but it probably won't happen any time soon. The same goes for the World War 2 TF designs in the upcoming Transformers/G.I. Joe cross-over, but hey, you never know! Speaking of which, I can't wait to see what John Ney Rieber and Jae Lee have in store.

Right now I've got another exciting project ahead, Transformers Armada! I'm going to give Guido Guidi a much deserved break; he's had a fantastic run and it won't be an easy act to follow. And of course, I get to work with Simon Furman again! "Worlds Collide" man, can you believe it? G1 and Armada together! To quote good ol' J.R. "It's gonna be a slobber-knocker!"

After this gig, look for me to team-up for the first time with writer Brad Mick on an all-new TF series. Transfans have been asking for this one ever since Dreamwave first got their hands of the big bots... I can't wait to get started!

WCK

Don Allan Figueroa
Penciler & Character Designer



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CAPCOM VS. CAPCOM
CALENDAR ☐

It's Capcom, it's Dreamwave...what else do you need to know? All-new art by Ed McGuinness, Pat Lee, Hyung-Tae Kim, Mark Brooks, and more!



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MACROPOLIS VOL. II #2 ☐

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TEENAGE MUTANT
NINJA TURTLES #5 ☐

TRANSFORMERS #16
ARMADA ☐

TRANSFORMERS #7
MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE ☐

TRANSFORMERS #3
/G.I. JOE ☐

SPOTLIGHT

WAR WITHIN #1
THE DARK AGES ☐

Simon Furman &
Andrew Wildman.
REUNITE!

The second chapter of
the epic WAR WITHIN
saga sheds light on...
The Dark Ages!



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DECLARATIONS OF WAR

Howdy Transfans!

Hope you enjoyed the first issue of the all-new War Within: "The Dark Ages". Now how would you like a chance to win a way-cool War Within prize pack? Dreamwave wants YOU to redesign your favorite Transformers character as they might have appeared in the War Within era, and then send in a drawing of your new design. You can choose a character who's already shown up in the series such as Grimlock or Starscream, or start from scratch by picking someone totally new like Hot Rod or Blurr. The artist with the most original character design will win a copy of the War Within Vol.1 TPB, copies of all 4 covers to War Within "The Dark Ages" #1, and more! Send your entries to either one of the addresses at the bottom of the page. All entries must be received by November 5, 2003. We'll announce the winner in a future letters column.

Here are some of your comments on the original War Within Vol.1 series, now available as a spiffy Trade Paperback:

Dear Dreamwave,

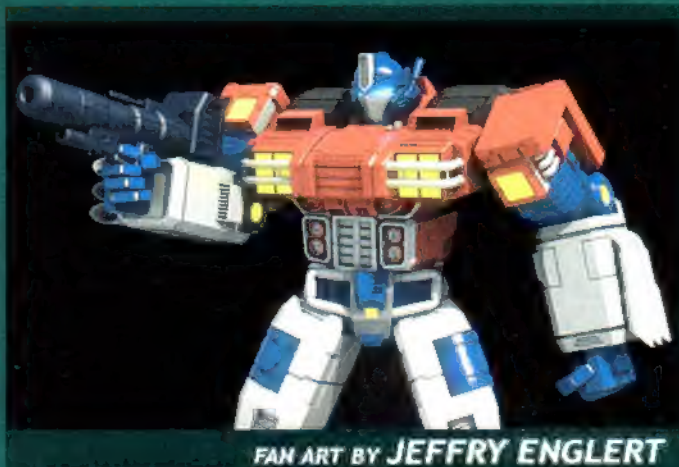
I just recently saw the Transformers: The War Within comic Volume One, and the pre-Earth forms of the Generation One Autobots and the Decepticons were, to put it mildly, WOW! There is one Transformer I'm just dying to see in his pre-Earth form, and that is Jetfire! You make even the 'geeky' Starscream and Bumblebee look fantastic, and I can only imagine what you did for Jetfire, everybody's favorite Autobot Air Guardian! Can you help me, or at least tell me what Transformers War Within comic issue Jetfire's going to be in, if at all? Please answer this e-mail as soon as possible! Thank you very much for your Time!

Eric C. Karau
Rochester, MN

Jetfire is definitely going to have a prominent role in War Within: "The Dark Ages". He hasn't popped up in the series yet, but he'll be showing up soon, we promise! Until then, you can get your Jetfire fix by picking up the Don Figueroa cover to this very issue (if you haven't already done so), featuring Don's redesigned Jetfire flying into battle.

Dear Dreamwave,

I'd just like to start out by saying, I loved the mini series. This e-mail is to inquire about, seeing if you at DW, can get a toy line for your TWW mini series. I loved how



FAN ART BY JEFFRY ENGLERT

Optimus and all the others looked, and I was thinking how much as a collector of TF I'd love to own a Prime that looks so, unique.

Thank you kindly,
Kenneth Cantley

We'd all love to see the War Within crew in toy form! Quick War Within fact: Don Figueroa (DW's top TF character designer) makes sure that all his redesigned characters can ACTUALLY transform, and thus, the War Within designs would translate perfectly into toys. The final decision is up to Hasbro, makers of the Transformers toy line.

Hello,

My name is Jeffery Englert, and I am an avid fan of all of your Transformers series. One comic series stands above all though is The War Within. The combination of Don Figueroa's superb designs coupled with Simon Furman's phenomenal talent as a writer has inspired me to create many pieces of fan art.

I love the amazing attention to detail that each character is given in the book, both in the design of the Transformers, and in the fantastic storytelling.

I am attaching a 3D rendered image of TWW Optimus Prime model I created.

Thanks for your time.
Jeff Englert

Great job Jeffery! We loved your 3D rendering so much we decided to show it of to the rest of Transformers-fandom.

Come back next month Transfans, for more of the biggest, baddest bots on the block. 'Til all are one!

Matt!

Matt Moylan
Director of Post-Production
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What do George Lucas,
Steven Spielberg,
Ridley Scott,
Robert Zemeckis
and Jim Henson
all have in common?

*The art of **Drew Struzan**.*

Drew Struzan is a legend in the world
of cinema art, the creative mind
behind movie posters for many of
Hollywood's blockbuster movies —
E.T., the Star Wars Trilogy,
Indiana Jones, The Phantom Menace,
Bladerunner, First Blood,
The Thing, Back to the Future,
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone,
and hundreds more.

His art is now available for the
first time in *Drew Struzan: Oeuvre*,
a 300-page, full-colour, hard-cover edition,
published by Dreamwave Productions.

The volume will be available in
stores in **November 2003**.

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